Allocation of power to Rajasthan from Central power grid

50. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the allocation of power to Rajasthan from the Central power grid has been reduced during the past three years;

(b) if so, what is the percentage of reduction in the power allocation to Rajasthan during the last three years (year-wise) stating the rationale for reducing the State's share in electricity ;

(c) whether Government propose to review the formula for allocating power to the State of Rajasthan; if so, what is the decision, if any, taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, whether Government would consider this question?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) At present, there is no proposal to review the formula.

Claim of Rajasthan in power generation projects

51. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of power generation projects in which the Government of Rajasthan have claimed state's share ;

(b) whether the Rajasthan Government have stated ad-hoc claim for their share in Anandpur Sahib and Mukerian Hydel Projects both in the project cost and the benefits:

(c) if so, what is the decision, if any, taken by the Government in the matter; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative what are the reasons for delay in taking a decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Proposal for lignite based thermal power station in Rajasthan

52. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to install a lignite based thermal power station in the State of Rajasthan;

(b) if so, what is the estimated mineable lignite reserves in Rajasthan and the amount of energy likely to be generated from this source;

(c) what is the estimated project cost, the estimated generation capacity of the power station and the manner in which the project is proposed to be financed; and

(d) whether the proposed lignite based thermal power station is likely to come up during the Eighth Plan Period?